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REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action of January 12, 2007.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-3, 8-9, 11-12, and 18-21.

In the Office Action the Examiner stated that claims 14-17 were allowed and that claims 4-7, 10 and 13 were allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 was rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 2-3. Claims 5, 6, 7, 10, and 13 are dependent from claim 4. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-7, 10, 13 and 14-17 are allowable.

Applicants have also amended claims 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, and 17 to correct minor typographical errors. Support for these typographical corrections is found in the summary of the invention and elsewhere in Applicants' specification.

All pending claims should now be in a condition for allowance. If there are any residual issues that need to be resolved prior to allowing the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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